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Konrad Welfonder (the "Inventor"), residing at Loisachstrasse 23, 27574
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Rail for a fabric blind and method of attaching rail to a fabric
for which invention a European patent application with serial number 02077975.7 was
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and I am entitled to assign my entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the
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WHEREAS HUNTER DOUGLAS INDUSTRIES BV (the "Company"), having a
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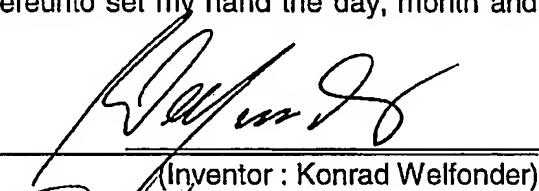
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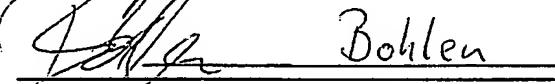
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THE COMPANY hereby acknowledges the previous statements of the Inventor and accepts his/her assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Company, by its undersigned Director, sets its hand the day, month and year opposite its signature.

Rotterdam, 23 February 2004
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